

aimed to do one thing and he did it, did it nobly and grandly and successfully. You can if you will. There is a vast amount of energy wasted because it is misdirected, or rather because it is not directed at all. First consecrate your powers, then concentrate them and success will crown your efforts.

THE little pamphlet, "Gospel of Giving" by C. F. Yoder, should be placed into every home in the brotherhood. It sets forth and makes plain that part of the gospel which has been much neglected. If every member in the church would read this tract and read it prayerfully, with a view of ascertaining what his duty is concerning the subject of giving, there would be far less work required in raising money for our missions. We have gone thro the Bible and looked up every point on the subject of baptism; that is right, just what we ought to do, but let us not forget that the gospel of giving is as important as the gospel of baptism. When we emphasize the gospel of giving it is not at the expense of some other doctrine; it is not that we make *less* of baptism but *more* of giving.

How much do you love the Lord? How is your love for the Lord to be determined? Just like any other affection, by the sacrifice you are willing to make for the object loved. The *Inquirer*, London, says, "We are always talking about the greatness of our principles. But let us not forget that the more we believe in their greatness the larger should be our sacrifices in their behalf." That is the true standard of measurement. What you think of your principles is determined by what you are willing to sacrifice for them. Measured by this standard what is the strength of your faith in the doctrines of the Brethren church? Just what you are willing to sacrifice for them. What has your faith cost you? What has it cost you to be a Christian? Do you pride yourself on the fact that you have been a member of the church for twenty-five years without costing you anything? Then yours is a very cheap religion. If you love the doctrines of the Brethren church as you profess to then show your love by the sacrifices you are willing to make known to others these doctrines which you hold so dear.

THE FIVE HUNDRED

In the last issue of the paper we were able to report forty-three additions to the 500 list. This week we can report only twenty four. It will now take at the rate of one hundred per week to reach the 500 by December 1. Quite a number of brethren have obligated themselves for five subscriptions each and have sent them in. They resolved on getting five, and they got them. Now please look the field over and see what remains yet to be done. Have you so much as made an effort to get one? If not, will you do it now? If you can not get the subscriber now, pledge yourself for one and if you should fail to get the subscriber, send the dollar for some one else.

Show the paper to your neighbor; explain to him how it has been enlarged and improved lately, and impress upon him the fact that on December 1, the price will be advanced to \$1.50. Let 300 readers of the paper resolve to get one new subscriber each, and we will have the 500. Why not? Let pastors, young people's societies, the S. S. C. E., Sunday-schools and all others interested begin the canvass at once and stick to it until the 500 are reached. Following is the list since last reported:

Wilson King,	1	J. O. Talley,	1
S. B. Grisso,	1	Oliver Edmunds,	1
A. J. Hixson,	3	J. C. Kimmel,	1
J. M. Tombaugh,	1	E. S. Haskins,	1
Elizabeth Burkett,	1	J. L. Kimmel,	1
B. F. Zerker,	1	John Wood,	1
J. M. Olinger,	1	W. S. McClain,	1
Mrs. C. Sloan,	1	Total,	24
W. L. Brumbaugh,	1	Previously reported,	170
Sarah Leslie,	1		
L. A. Hazlett,	5	To date,	194

A UNIQUE SPECTACLE

The Rev. Dr. Dixon is pastor of the People's church, New York city. Dr. Dixon was formerly a member of the Baptist church, but it seems that the creed of that church was too narrow for him and his people and so they went off to themselves and are now worshiping as an independent organization. Within the confines of the church human reason is entirely too much restricted for such men as Dr. Dixon. They plead for independence of thought and speech. No creed is liberal enough for them, not even the Bible. They are the people of independence and liberty. But now it turns out that even in the "People's church," the church that stands for freedom of speech and independence of thought, a man must be careful what he says. It seems that Dr. Dixon advocated the election of Seth Low as Mayor of New York, and asked his congregation to vote for him. This offended the leader of the choir who is a Cuban, and now the whole choir is on a strike. At the services last Sabbath the large choir was absent, and Dr. Dixon must apologize for the liberty he exercised. Yet this is independence of thought and freedom of speech. There is scarcely a minister in the Protestant or even Catholic church who does not possess larger liberty than that. As against Tammany and Plattism Seth Low represented the side of reform, but the preacher of the "People's church" must not take a hand in municipal reform for fear of giving offense to his church choir. Here is the unique spectacle of a leader of an organization which claims to stand for independence of thought and freedom of speech, denied the right to advocate publicly his own views touching municipal reform. It is not necessary to go off into an independent organization to enjoy such liberty as that. It may be found anywhere among God's people.

SEASON OF PRAYER

From all over the brotherhood come reports of successful meetings in progress, others having already closed, while still others are announced to begin later. This should be made a season of prayer for pastors engaged in this kind of work. The Lord will bless his work and his word as he did of old. Wherever the gospel is preached in its primitive simplicity, by earnest men of God, the Lord will honor that word in the conversion of souls and the spiritual strengthening of the members of his church on earth. If the Brethren church collectively and individually will spend much time with God in secret prayer and communion with the Father, she will come forth strong and mighty in the Lord and go to battle as a mighty host that will conquer in the conflict. The secret of power is with the Lord. Hear the words of the prophet, "If my people which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sins, and will heal their land." Here is a divine recipe for a genuine revival. Let these instructions be followed and your labors will not be in vain. Four things are necessary, (1) humility, (2) prayer, (3) seeking God, (4) turning from evil ways. The promise is that God will hear and answer. Will we take God at his promise?

SERMONS WITHOUT RELIGION

We once heard a minister, a member of the Brethren church, say that he took up a newspaper to read a sermon by a preacher of national reputation. He found so little of Christ in the sermon that he got disgusted with it and laid it aside, declaring that he would not read a sermon that did not have more of Christ in it. Many sermons, especially on public occasions, not only ignore Christ altogether, but religion also. It is reported that recently an address was delivered in Philadelphia by the rector of a church, to a number of college students, of which a hearer says that the preacher "is to be congratulated warmly upon the complete success with which, in his discourse, he avoided any reference to religion as a possible factor in the conduct of life. There was, as I recall it, one indirect and not uncomplimentary allusion to God, but this was incidental and quite indefinite, and might have been accepted in a merely figurative sense. It could not rightly have given offense to the most devout heathen in his audience." This reminds us of the story that is old of Blackstone, who, in the early days of George III, went from church to church and heard all the clergymen of note in London, and then declared that "he heard not a single discourse which had more Christianity in it than the writings of Cicero; it would be im-